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SUBJECT: SPOKANE EXPO 74

REF: THE HAGUE 4659

1. DCM SAW FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST OCT 24 AS FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR OCTOBER 22 CONVERSATION. BRINKHORST WAS APPRISED OF PRESIDENT KING COLE'S IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN PARIS FOR CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF OFFICIALS. DCM REITERATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND MADE STRONG PITCH FOR EARLY AND FAVORABLE GON CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY.

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2. BRINKHORST REPEATED EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT PARTICIPATION

CAUSED NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR HIS GOVT, WHICH HOWEVER WAS STILL IN A TIGHT BUDGETARY BIND. FINDING EVEN THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT INVOLVED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPOKANE EXPOSITION WAS IN HIS JUDGMENT OUT OF REACH UNLESS, AS HE HAD EARLIER RECOMMENDED, THE EC WOULD PARTICIPATE AS SUCH. DCM REPLIED THAT EC PARTICIPATION DID NOT LOOK LIKE A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY ESPECIALLY SINCE FRENCH WAS GOING IN APPARENTLY ON A NATIONAL BASIS. DCM COUNTER-PROPOSED BENELUX PARTICIPATION, ADDING THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT GOB MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS MODALITY. DCM SUGGESTED DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN DUTCH AND BELGIAN OFFICIALS TO THIS END.

3. BRINKHORST APPEARED INTERESTED IN BENELUX CONCEPT ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE WANTED TO TAKE A FINAL CHECK WITH THE EC IN BRUSSELS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EC PAVILION. IF THIS PROVED NEGATIVE HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE BENELUX POSSIBILITY. IN ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION RE OUTLOOK FOR PARTICIPATION BY SOME OF HOLLAND'S LARGER EC PARTNERS DCM REPLIED FRANKLY THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE FRG. WE WERE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF OUR LATEST APPROACH TO THE BRITISH.

4. CITING FAVORABLE RESULTS OBTAINED BY OTHER POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS DCM SUGGESTED VISITS BY NEIGHBORING DUTCH CONSULAR OFFICIALS TO SPOKANE EXPOSITION SITE. THIS APPEARED TO MAKE SENSE TO BRINKHORST. HOWEVER IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER SUGGESTION HE DID NOT THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY POINT IN A VISIT BY KING COLE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GOV HAD MOVED CLOSER TO A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE.

5. IT WAS LEFT THAT DCM WOULD CONTACT BRINKHORST AGAIN TO DISCUSS ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS INTERVENING DURING BRINKHORST'S VISIT TO TURKEY OCTOBER 26-30 TO ATTEND NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY MEETING.

6. COMMENT: IF TIME PERMITS AMBASSADOR GOULD WILL ENCOURAGE DUTCH PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPO 74 DURING HIS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL OCT 26 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE IN MIND VAN DER STOEL'S PROMISE TO DEPT OFFICIALS DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT IN SEPTMEBER TO EXAMINE PARTICIPATION QUESTION SYMPATHETICALLY. AS REPORTED EARLIER OUR EFFORTS WILL BE GREATLY BOLSTERED YB ANY DETAILS RE TERMS OF GOF PARTICIPATION AND ANY ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM LONDON OR BONN. ADDITIONALLY, A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL ASSISTANT CHRISTIAN HERTER, JR. TO BRINKHORST
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COULD BE HELPFUL IN CONVINCING BRINKHORST OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO DUTCH PARTICIPATION. BRINKHORST REFERRED FAVORABLY TO HERTER AND WORK OF HIS OFFICE IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. THUS PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT BY HERTER OF EXPO 74 COULD MAKE VALUABLE IMPRESSION ON BRINKHORST.
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